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SUBJECT: INQUIRY REGARDING ROLE OF U.S. MILITARY IN
- INDONESIA

1. FAR LEFT-WING PRESIDENT OF WELLINGTON TRADES
COUNCIL (PAT KELLY) TELEPHONED LABATT JUNE 22 TO AD-
VISE THAT HE AND THE COUNCIL WERE "REGARDING WITH
CONCERN" A REPORT, FROM A "CONTACT" IN EAST TIMOR,
CONCERNING ALLEGED PARTICIPATION OF "AMERICAN PILOTS"
IN RENEWED FIGHTING IN EAST TIMOR. KELLY ELABORATED
THAT THE "AMERICAN PILOTS" ARE REPORTEDLY FLYING
BRONCO AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF INDONESIAN GROUND FORCES.
IN ADDITION, HE SAID FRETRELIN WAS REPORTING "FIGHT-
ING OF AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISORS ALONGSIDE INDONESIAN
TROOPS IN THREE AREAS EAST OF DILI."

2. KELLY ASKED FOR AN EMBASSY RESPONSE TO THE CHARGES.

3. RADIO NZ CORRESPONDENT ADVISED LABATT SAME DAY
THAT NZPA WIRE SERVICE WAS ALSO CARRYING THE FRETRELIN
ALLEGATION AND HAD BEEN ASKED BY LOCAL EAST TIMORESE
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LOBBYING GROUP TO BROADCAST THE REPORT. RADIO NZ
REFUSED BECAUSE OF LACK OF CORROBORATION. CORRES-
PONDENT SIMILARLY ASKED IF EMBASSY HAD A COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, IF ANY.

5. COMMENT: NEW ZEALAND COMMUNIST AND LEFT-WING GROUPS HAVE TAKEN SOMETHING OF A PR HAMMERING IN RECENT WEEKS OVER THE SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND THE INTER-PARTY BITTERNESS IN INDOCHINA. IT SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT KELLY AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE TRYING TO REGAIN A BIT OF THEIR OLD OFFENSIVE BY USING THE EAST TIMORESE ISSUE (WHICH HAS SUBSTANTIAL SYMPATHY IN NZ) TO PORTRAY THE US ONCE AGAIN AS INTERNATIONAL BAD BOYS. SELDEN

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